that motion is before the House without making an appeal I will stand up and say that it is proper that this Bill is accepted, and that the House has no objection. This is all what I can say.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam)*.—I hope the Government is not opposing this resolution.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran *(Government Advocate and Law Officer)*.—The resolution in that form is opposed.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*.—Even if the Bill is introduced to-morrow how can you get it passed.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran *(Government Advocate and Law Officer)*.—The Standing Order will have to be suspended. Then the Bill can be passed this time. When the whole House is agreed upon a certain thing why should the President stand in the way? I do not think that the President will do it.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*.—This is a private Bill. This Bill has not been published in the Gazette. How can it be passed before publication.

Resolution put and carried.

16. T. A. to Officers Attending Athachamayam etc.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*.—I move *"that this Council recommends to the Government that the practice of giving Travelling allowance to officers attending Attachamayam and similar State functions should be discontinued forthwith"*. I make this suggestion to the Government as a measure of retrenchment. There are spheres where retrenchment is possible. One sphere is this. Last session from an answer to a question it was found that over 3000 rupees have been paid by way of T. A. to officers for attending Attachamayam and other functions like this. If the resolution is accepted, so much money can be saved and that may be utilised for some purpose, say for the purchase of chairs and other furniture for village offices. It is not the officers alone who are loyal. Loyalty should be spontaneous. Nobody should attend these functions with the object of getting T. A. Every body should go there spontaneosly, out of loyality, towards His Highness the Maharaja and not for T. A. We also go there even though we are not compelled to go.

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Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—It is obligatory on the part of officers to attend the function.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi).*—It need not be made obligatory. Officials need not be compelled to go. They should go there out of their free will.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam).*—I second the resolution.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Comptroller of Accounts).*—Government oppose it, because it is obligatory on the part of Government servants to attend the function.

* **Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan** *(Wadakkancheri).*—A proposition like the one before the House is opposed on the ground that it is obligatory on the part of Government servants to pay homage to their Ruler.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—It is not a question of paying homage but it is taking part in the procession itself.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—As I understand the Attachamayam ceremony is performed by His Highness the Maharaja. When the Maharaja is performing the ceremony it is the duty of the subjects of His State, both officials and non-officials, to take part in that ceremony. It is something which words cannot characterise that the Government officers who draw fat salaries draw T. A. for attending this work. That is perhaps a condition of their being Government servants. If it is on the ground of their being bound to attend these ceremonies, then the argument cannot stand. But the T. A. does not form part of the ceremony. There may be instances of persons who attend this on the ground of T. A. alone. I can appreciate that if it comes to a decent amount. To say that T. A. is necessary because you are bound to attend as Government servant is something which I cannot understand. You are bound in duty to attend. There are officers of the Government who I know consume electric power sitting in their offices late at night. Do they claim any extra remuneration for that? Will you pay any extra amount. You will say that it is their duty. My submission therefore is that Government servants attending Athachamayam should not be given T. A. That will be a condition of their service.

* Speech not corrected by the Hon'ble Member.

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മിസ്റ്റർ പി. സി. വക്കി *(Ernakulam South)*.— അത്തച്ചമയം വളരെ പുരാതനത്വവും ചരിത്രപ്രസിദ്ധിയുമുള്ള ഒരു ചടങ്ങാണ്. അതിനുവേണ്ടി കുറെ പണം ചിലവിടുന്നതിനെപ്പറ്റി ആക്ഷേപിക്കുന്നതു ശരിയല്ല. വടക്കൻ ചിറ്റൂരിൽനിന്നൊ മറ്റൊ വരുന്ന ചുരുക്കം ചില ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാക്കുമാത്രമേ ടി. എ. ആയി വലിയസംഖ്യ കൊടുക്കേണ്ടി വരുകയുള്ളൂ. നമ്മുടെ പൂർവ്വീകന്മാരുടെ വിജയസ്മരണയെ ശാശ്വതീകരിക്കുന്ന ഒരു മഹത്തിന്റെ മഹിമയെ നിസ്സാരമായ ഒരു സംഖ്യ ലാഭിക്കാൻവേണ്ടി കുറയ്ക്കുകയൊ? അതു ഒട്ടും ആശാസ്യമല്ല. പ്രധാനപ്പെട്ട ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാക്കും പൌരമുഖ്യന്മാക്കും നിയമസഭാ സാമാജികന്മാക്കും അതിൽ സംബന്ധിക്കാൻ വേണ്ട സകല സൌകര്യങ്ങളും പ്രോത്സാഹനങ്ങളും നൽകേണ്ടതാണ്. ചരിത്ര പ്രധാനമായ ഒരു മഹത്സംഭവത്തെ അനുസ്മരിപ്പിക്കുന്ന അത്തച്ചമയത്തിന്റെ മഹിമയെ നൂറൊ ഇരുനൂറൊ ഉറുപ്പികയ്ക്കു വേണ്ടി ഒരിക്കലും ബലികഴിക്കരുതു്. നേരെമറിച്ചു അതിനെ നിലനിർത്തുവാനും ഭംഗിപിടിപ്പിക്കാനും കൂടുതൽ പണം ചിലവിടുകയാണു് വേണ്ടതു്. ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട മെമ്പറിന്നു വേറെ വല്ല ഉദ്ദേശവും ഉണ്ടെങ്കിൽ അതു വിശദമായി പറയട്ടെ. ഞാൻ ഈ പ്രമേയത്തെ എതിർക്കുന്നു.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Pallippuram)*.—I honestly think that every Member of this House is as much entitled to be present at the historic function and get T. A. as officials. At the time the T. A. rules were framed this Legislative Council was not in existence. I fail to see why Members of this House like my humble-self should not be given T. A. when mere ordinary officers like the Tahsildar and the Magistrate are given T. A. If they are part of the Government then certainly we are also members of the Government. The Municipal Chairmen are given T. A.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur Rural)*.—They are not many.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Pallippuram)*.—I may say that if the main motion were in that way I could have understood the logic of it. If a Municipal Chairman who has got a lower status is given T. A. then certainly Members of this legislature should be given T. A. If that is the motion I would have whole heartedly supported the same. Any officer who is drawing a salary of more than 200 rupees should not be given T. A. People with a pay of less than 200 rupees may be given something.

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government)*.—The officers who go there will have other duties to perform.

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Dr. A. R. Menon (*Pallippuram*).—I know the nature of your duties. Sometimes I used to pity your duties. I have been doing this work for the last seven years. I do double the work that you are doing.

Rama Varmha Tampuran (*Comptroller of Accounts*).—In this connection I may point out that the Government have made a distinction already with regard to the various ceremonies like this and only in certain cases T. A. is allowed.

I am not speaking at all on the suggestion of the Member for Pallipuram that T. A. should be given to the other members also. That question has not come before the Government. The motion before the House is that T. A. should not be given to officers who attend Attachamayam and other State functions. I point out that distinction has already been drawn by Government between a function and a function. For example, when officers attend the Vishu or the Onam, they are not paid T. A.

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Pallippuram*).—They are not compelled then.

Rama Varmha Tampuran (*Comptroller of Accounts*).—Whether they are compelled or not, every officer goes and no officer is paid T. A. on those occasions. Again all the officers are invited and they attend functions like Garden Parties. No T. A. is paid to them on those occasions. It is only for state functions for example, Attachamayam, H. H. the Maharaja's birthday Darbar Levee, other State Darbar Levees and, on occasions like these that T. A. is allowed. On all other occasions when officers go to pay personal homage to His Highness T. A. is not allowed. Therefore having already drawn a distinction like this, Government regret, that they cannot accept this resolution.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan (*Chalakkudi*).—Sir, two Hon'ble Members who opposed this motion so very vehemently are those who sat on the retrenchment committee to make recommendations to the Government to reduce expenditure. It is very surprising that those who should suggest to reduce expenditure are throwing cold water on my resolution. Why should they do so? The village offices want benches and desks and this saving of Rs. 3,000 can be utilised for that. One objection raised against this resolution is that it is attacking some of the ancient ceremonies. There is no force in that argument. Whenever officers are compelled to attend a function, the glory of that function is gone. The attendance should be spontaneous, should

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be voluntary. It will be then more glorious and more meritorious. Why this artificial show? Further we are not in medieval times. We are in the 20th century. Considering the shortage of Members on this side of the House, I do not propose to test this resolution by a division. Therefore, I may be allowed to withdraw the resolution.

The resolution was, by leave, withdrawn.

Mr. Chairman.—(*Mr. K. Ayyappan*).—Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty, we have left out your resolution. You can move it now.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty (*Anthikad*).—I do not move.

17. Supply of water-power available in the State.

Mr. T. S. Balarama Ayyar (*Trichur North.*)—Mr. President Sir,

The resolution that stands in my name reads thus: *This Council recommends to the Government that very early steps be taken to harness the water power available at Poringalkuthu or any other suitable place in the State, for production of electricity and supply of cheap power throughout the length and breadth of the State, for industrial, agricultural and domestic uses.*

Agriculture is our mainstay; that has become a trite saying; but nonetheless it is as true today as it was hundred years ago. It is therefore incumbent on our part to see that the agriculturist is not wiped out of existence. No doubt the Debt Conciliation Act has been passed, Debt Conciliation Boards are sitting, and the Land Mortgage Bank has been started, but I think the position of the agriculturists is going from bad to worse. Unless something very effective and substantial is done to alleviate the misery of the agriculturists I am afraid the days of the agriculturists are numbered. The real solution seems to me, to lie in developing the cottage industry. In this connection, I may be permitted to read a very small extract from my speech during the budget session. I said then that agriculture in its present mode had ceased to be remunerative. It is idle to expect the agriculturist to be able to make any surplus income from his lands to liquidate his debts. It will be too long before he finds it feasible to take to the so-called scientific method of agriculture and do more than, to use the words of Goldsmith, 'merely forcing the churlish soil for a scant bread'. Part-time

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